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## COLOMBIA

### I. Status and Strength of the Colombian Communist Party

As a result of the 1 December 1957 plebiscite on constitutional reform, the provision on Communism was abolished, leaving the anti-Communist statute enacted under ROJAS Pinilla without a legal basis. The government now accepts the Party's claim to legality. Since the overthrow of ROJAS, 10 May 1957, the Party has expanded its publishing activity, is more open in its activities, and has made some progress infiltrating intellectual, student, and labor groups. It has organized a National Worker-Intellectual Front (FNOI) and a "Colombian Institute of International Cooperation" (ICCI), and is trying to take part in the revival of the Colombian Workers Confederation (CTC) and capture its leadership. It has been unsuccessful in its effort to gain a role in the National Front. The PCC's membership is estimated at about 5,000.

### II. Party Units Responsible for Sabotage, Assassination, Kidnapping or Terrorist Missions

Specific individual Party members were reported in July 1950 to be responsible for planning and organizing sabotage of shipping. One of these was a labor agitator; the normal party functions of the others were not specified.

In 1956 a group of Liberals and Communists known as the Comité Accion Social, which had been organized to strengthen propaganda and political action against the ROJAS government, was reported planning to train a sabotage team to work against the government.

### III. Sabotage Training Given within Colombia

An Ecuadorian "technical advisor" was to assist training the team mentioned in paragraph II. A Bogota lawyer active in the leadership of the local Communist youth front was to serve as a coordinator for the sabotage training project. No further details have been provided.

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**IV. Sabotage Training Given Colombian Communists in Communist Bloc Countries**

Negative.

**V. Sabotage, Assassination, Kidnapping, Terrorist Missions and Targets**

**a. U.S. and/or U.S. Allies Personnel, Installations**

Negative.

**b. Other Sabotage Targets**

(1) Sabotage of shipping was being planned in 1950

(2) In 1956 Communists in collaboration with other left-wing elements were reported to be planning for sabotage to weaken the Colombian government.

**VI. Evidence of Direction and Support from the USSR, China or Other Communist Countries**

Negative.

**IX. Estimate of Threat from Local Communist Party Sabotage, Terrorism, etc.**

The unconfirmed report of 1956 concerning collaboration between Communists and other leftists for the organizing and training of sabotage teams is regarded as possibly true in the light of indications that this is a practice being adopted elsewhere, especially in certain underdeveloped areas. In these areas, Communists drop out of the Communist Party, and at its request join other groups; as members of these they carry out sabotage and terrorism. Because of the lack of additional information about the sabotage teams reportedly being formed in Colombia in 1956, it is impossible to estimate the threat these teams represented.